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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 10th/May, through Sunday, 17th/May there were 211 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

2020 CTU. Those who missed DX Engineering's 2020 Contest University (CTU) webinar on May 14th, you can now view it on YouTube.com. The webinar is a little over 10 hours long and can be viewed at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEEUpsWUtAA
The CTU's course-outline and PDF files used are available at:
https://www.contestuniversity.com/course-outline

3Z100, POLAND (Special Event). Members and guest of the Harcerski Klub Lacznosci Gornica (SP9ZKN) will be active as 3Z100KW from Wadowice the the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) until May 31st. Activity is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Karol Józef Wojtyla birth. QSL via info on QRZ.com.

4L, GEORGIA. Operator Vaho, 4L8A, will be active frpm Tbilisi during the CQWW WPX CW Contests (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via M0OXO OQRS or LoTW.

5Q6, DENMARK. Henning, OZ2I/OZ1BI, will be active as 5Q6EE from the EDR HQ station in Odense during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via OZ2I, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: http://www.oz2i.dk/index.html

7Q, MALAWI (Postponed). Pista, HA5AO, who was expected to be active as 7Q7AO from Malawi during the second half of September/early October 2020 (see OPDX.1451), has postponed his operation. He states on May 15th: "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions I have to postpone my planned operation from Malawi. New date will be announced." For updates, watch his Web site at: https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php/news

9J, ZAMBIA. Time is running out to work Mario, IZ3KVD, as 9J2MYT from Lusaka (WW Loc. KH44DO). He is expected to go QRT at the end of May. Activity has been on 20/17/15/10 meters SSB using a Yaesu 897D into a long wire antenna. QSL via IZ3KVD direct only.

A60, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Members of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) will activate eleven stations with suffix WTIS (World Telecommunication and Information Society) on May 17th, to celebrate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. The following stations will or were on the air:

A60WTIS/1 - Op A61BK; QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/2 - Op A61Q; QSL via EA7FTR
A60WTIS/3 - Op A61NN; QSL via A61NN
A60WTIS/4 - Op A61FK; QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/5 - Op A61DD; QSL via A92AA
A60WTIS/6 - Op A61QQ; QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/7 - Op A61FJ; QSL via direct
A60WTIS/8 - Op A61RJ; QSL via direct
A60WTIS/9 - Op A61HA; QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/10 - Op A65GC; QSL via direct
A60WTIS/11 - Op A61AY; QSL via direct

A60, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Members of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) will activate twelve stations with suffix NMT (National Medical Taskforce) during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. This is recognition of the efforts of all medical teams and cadres, and all health workers in the country, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, administrators and technicians, who work around the clock, in light of the conditions and challenges that the world is currently experiencing due to the outbreak. Length of their activity is not known at this time. Look for the following stations:

A60NMT/1 - Op A61M; QSL via A61BK
A60NMT/2 - Op A61Q; QSL via EA7FTR
A60NMT/3 - Op A61NN; QSL via A61NN
A60NMT/4 - Op A61FK; QSL via A61BK
A60NMT/5 - Op A61DD; QSL via A92AA
A60NMT/6 - Op A61QQ; QSL via A61BK
A60NMT/7 - Op A61FJ; QSL via direct
A60NMT/8 - Op A61RJ; QSL via direct
A60NMT/9 - Op A61HA; QSL via A61BK
A60NMT/10 - Op A61GC; QSL via direct
A60NMT/11 - Op A61AY; QSL via direct
A60NMT/12 - Op A61BK; QSL via A61BK

AX, AUSTRALIAN. You may have seen several Australian amateurs using the prefix AX on May 17th. Activity is to celebrate "World Telecommunication and Information Society Day."

BI4, CHINA. Members of the ZhangJiaGang Amateur Radio Association will be active as BI4WXD during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-2/High-Power entry. Operators mentioned are Weihai/BD4SS, Gu/BD4TS, Xinrong/BI4SCC, Dale/BA4TB, Xingang/BH4TVU and Yun/BH4QBV. QSL via BI4SCC.

CQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC. NEWS (Press Release by Rich, W2VU, dated May 14th). Announcing: 2020 Inductees, CQ Contest Hall of Fame -- CQ magazine today announced the induction of three new members to the CQ Contest Hall

of Fame, which honors those contesters who not only excel in personal performance but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways. CQ Contesting Editor David Siddall, K3ZJ, conducted a virtual induction ceremony at the conclusion of the daylong 2020 Contest University webinar.

The 2020 inductees to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame are:

* Geoffrey Howard, W0CG/PJ2DX, who purchased and restored the PJ9JT contest station in 2000 that had been owned by CQ Contest Hall of Famer John Thompson, W1BIH/PJ9JT. The location was named "Signal Point" and the PJ2T callsign pays homage to PJ9JT. Geoff established the Caribbean Contest Consortium to help manage and maintain the station, and has consistently made the station available to guest operators over the years, including serving as host station several times for young operators participating in the Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure program. He has also worked closely with VERONA, Curacao's national ham radio society. Geoff served for more than 25 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a colonel; worked for RCA and the Federal Aviation Administration, and taught in the Graduate School of Management at Kent State University in Ohio.

* Willard "Bill" Myers, K1GQ, a pioneer of computer-based systems for designing and switching antennas at contest stations, designed the Cushcraft "Skywalker" series of monoband Yagis, helped build the early PacketCluster network and served as mentor to several of today's most prominent contesters, including K1AR, K1DG, K1JX, and others. Bill was also a major behind-the-scenes force at the 2014 World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) competition in Massachusetts, and is currently providing support and refinement of the SkookumLogger contest logging program for Apple computers.

* Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ (SK), was a major force in VHF contesting as well as an accomplished HF contester. He was a member of both ARRL's and CQ's contest committees at various times between 1972 and 2012, was QST magazine's VHF Editor for nearly a decade, and was CQ Contest magazine's VHF columnist as well. Gene took over the struggling CQ World Wide VHF Contest in 1999, reinvented it as a 6- and 2-meter only event and sparked its growth into a truly worldwide competition. He was also instrumental in organizing the mid-Atlantic VHF contesting group that became known as the K8GP Grid Pirates.

Registered participants in the virtual Contest University webinar were able to view the induction ceremony live. It was also "simulcast" on DX Engineering's YouTube link, where it is also stored for later viewing. The recording of the ceremony may be accessed at:

http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4V4B_mr1mYF5ycGQe_4Ytw

The CQ Contest Hall of Fame was established in 1986 to recognize those amateurs who have made major contributions to the art of radio contesting. This is the 37th annual induction and the first to be conducted online.

CQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC. NEWS (Press Release by Rich, W2VU, dated May 15th).

Announcing: 2020 Inductees, CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame -- The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame has seven new members for 2020, CQ magazine announced today. This brings to 333 the total number of members inducted since the hall's establishment in 2001.

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors those individuals, whether licensed hams or not, who have made significant contributions to amateur radio; and those amateurs who have made significant contributions either to amateur radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect

of life on our planet.

The 2020 inductees (listed alphabetically) are:

* Chet Atkins, W4CGP (SK), legendary musician known as "Mister Guitar," and music producer; ushered in "the Nashville sound" on RCA Records (Note: Chet's call has subsequently been re-issued)
* Les Barclay, G3HTF (SK), propagation expert, leader of International Telecommunication Union propagation study groups and Chairman of the ITU's first Radiocommunication Assembly in 1993; top official in the UK's telecommunication regulatory agency
* George Laurer, K4HZE (SK), developer of the UPC (universal product code) or "bar code" on merchandise, permitting items purchased at stores to be scanned on checkout rather than manually rung up
* Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT, whose Foundation for Global Children helps fund educational and medical programs for children around the world; FGC also works with several countries to help them organize and train teams for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games
* Champ Muangamphun, E21EIC, is a DXer and DXpeditioner who has been a sparkplug for growing interest in ham radio in Thailand and throughout Southeast Asia; Champ also accompanies JH1AJT on many of his humanitarian missions and operates DXpedition-style ham stations while Zorro works with government officials and non-governmental organizations on behalf of the Foundation for Global Children.
* Sultan Qaboos bin Said, A41AA (SK), Sultan of Oman from 1970-2020; transformed impoverished country into a modern and prosperous state with influence throughout the Middle East
* Tom Roscoe, K8CX, a champion of amateur radio history who collects and makes available online his "Ham Gallery" of old QSL cards and other historic photos

New members are also being inducted into the CQ DX and Contest Halls of Fame in separate online ceremonies, due to the cancellation of the Dayton Hamvention and related DX and Contest dinners. Contest Hall of Fame inductees were announced on May 14th; new members of the DX Hall of Fame will be announced on May 20th.

IOTA NEWS. Since no or few new IOTA announcements have been made during the past several weeks (probably because of many COVIN-19 travel restrictions), OPDX decided to list the following IOTA operations that were active this past week between May 10-16th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	EA8ARI	La Palma	40/20m; SSB
AF-004	EA8DEG	Arona	20m; SSB
AF-004	EA8JK	La Palma	17m; SSB
AF-016	FR4NT	Reunion	80m; FT8
AF-022	ZD7FT	St. Helena	15m; SSB
AF-022	ZD7MY	St. Helena	17m; FT8
AS-007	JA0IKP	Honshu	80m; CW
AS-007	JA1GZV	Honshu	40m; CW
AS-007	JA3CZY	Honshu	40m; SSB
AS-007	JR7TKG	Honshu	17m; SSB
AS-017	JR6FC	Okinawa	10m; Digi
AS-077	JF6TWP	Kyushu	12m; SSB
AS-101	HS0ZGV	Malay Peninsula (E)	17m; FT8
EU-006	EA6UP	Balearic	20m; CW
EU-004	EA6VQ	Balearic	12m; FT8
EU-005	2E0TXE	Great Britain	20m; FT8
EU-005	G0UWK	Great Britain	20m; SSB
EU-005	G3BJ	Great Britain	20m; SSB
EU-005	G3XBI	Great Britain	10m; FT8
EU-005	GB0ELR	Great Britain	40m; SSB

EU-005	GB1RNLI	Great Britain	20m; CW
EU-005	GB1VE	Great Britain	40m; SSB
EU-005	GB1945PE	Great Britain	10m; CW
EU-005	GB1945PJ	Great Britain	30m; FT8
EU-005	GB4GCT	Great Britain	40/20m; CW/SSB
EU-005	GB75PEACE	Great Britain	20/10m; CW/SSB
EU-005	GM2TT	Scotland	20m; FT8
EU-005	M0XTA	Great Britain	60m
EU-005	MM0HVU	Scotland	60m
EU-009	GM8OFQ	Orkney	20/10m; SSB
EU-023	9H4CM	Gozo	17m; SSB
EU-024	IS0WKK	Sardinia	60m
EU-030	OZ30EU	Bornholm	20m; SSB
Eu-030	OZ8IE/P	Bornholm	40m; SSB
EU-062	LA6OP	Nordland/Nord-Trondelag	20/17m; FT8
EU-084	SM0CXS	Trasko	20m; FT8
EU-114	GU75LIB	Guernsey	80m
EU-115	MI0HZD	Northern Ireland	20m; FT8
EU-116	MD0CCE	Isle of Man	20m; Digi
EU-120	M0OPV	Wight	20m; SSB
EU-152	EA7IYF	Almeria/Granada/Malaga	10m; SSB
EU-171	5P1KZX	Vendsyssel/Thy	17m; FT8
EU-172	5P6MJ	Jylland East/Fyn	20m; FT4
EU-175	CU3HN	Azores	20m; SSB
EU-186	TA4VA	Turkey	20m; SSB
NA-021	8P6NW	Barbados	20m; SSB
NA-026	WA2HMM	Long	10m; Digi
NA-027	VO1AW	Newfoundland	20m; FT8
NA-027	VO1TXC/M	Newfoundland	20m; SSB
NA-090	XF3PAS	Cozumel	15m; SSB
NA-096	HI3Y	Dominican Republic	40m; CW
NA-099	KP4ATF	Puerto Rico	20m; SSB
NA-099	WP3R	Puerto Rico	20m; SSB
NA-102	FG4OJ	Guadeloupe	20m; FT8
NA-105	FS5GL	St. Martin	20m; CW
NA-134	OX3LX	Aasiaat	20/17m; FT8
NA-187	K6AVP	CA State Central	20m; FT8
OC-013	E51JD	Rarotonga	20m; SSB
OC-019	KH6RX	Hawaiian	20m; SSB
OC-019	WH6S	Hawaiian	20m; CW
OC-021	8C2WFH	Central Java	20m; Digi/SSB
OC-036	ZL1BD	NZ North	20m; SSB
OC-036	ZL1MVL	NZ North	40m; Digi
OC-036	ZL1WN	NZ North	20m; SSB
OC-042	DU3LA	Luzon	20m; SSB
OC-070	YB8XOB	Seram	20m; FT8
OC-097	5W1STAYSAFE	Samoa	17m; FT8
OC-129	DU7EYG	Visayan	40m; FT8
OC-134	ZL4AS	NZ South	20m; Digi
OC-147	YG9WKB	West Papua's Coast (N)	40m; FT8
SA-011	9Z4AM	Trinidad and Tobago	20m; SSB
SA-018	CE7VPQ	Chiloe	20m; SSB
OC-088	9M8DEN	Borneo	20m; Digi

2020 RSGB IOTA CONTEST. Per the RSGB Contest Committee: In line with "Stay at Home" guidance, to minimize the impact of Covid-19, the IOTA Contest in 2020 is exclusively for Single Operators using their home stations; Single Operator Fixed "Island" or "World" Stations are eligible to enter. RSGB will not be awarding trophies in 2020 but downloadable certificates will be available to winners....

https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/riota.shtml

EU-042. Mike, DG5LAC, will be active as DG5LAC/P from Amrum Island (WLOTA 2464, maybe sometimes WWFF DLFF-242 Amrumer Dunes) between May 18-24th. Activity will be on SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL via DG5LAC, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS.

NA-039/ NA-070. Members of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) plan to activate Kiska Island (NA-070) between September 5-10th (dates are subject to change due to travel restrictions). Callsign mentioned is KL7RRC. Operators mentioned are Yuri/N3QQ, Rob/N7QT, Vyacheskav/OK8AU and Yuri/UA9OBA (possibly Tim/NL8F and Alexey/NW7M). Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H), with three stations. Suggested FT8 frequencies are: 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911, 28091 and 50323 kHz. QSL via N7RO. All donors will receive QSL direct. After their Kiska Island operation, the team will activate Adak Island (NA-039) between September 11-18th (also subject to change). For more details and updates, see: https://www.na-234.com

SA-079. Members of the PARA DX Group are planning to activate for the first time ever Ilha das Palmas (new DIB for Brazil, RJ [to be defined]) in the Rio de Janeiro State Center Group as ZV1M between July 24-26th, during the next RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). Operators mentioned are Renato/PY8WW, Carlos/PY1CG and Marcelo/PY1MT. Ilha das Palmas is a small island, uninhabited and without any infrastructure, there is no electricity or drinking water. Landing is done on rocks and sea conditions are generally not good. The Grid Locator is GG86FW. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via PY1MT, direct or by the Bureau. For more information, see: https://paradxgroup.wordpress.com/2020/05/13/zv1m-sa-079-ilha-das-palmas

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

OE30, AUSTRIA (Special Event). Hannes, OE1SGU, is now active with the special callsign OE30MAGICBAND from Vienna (WW Loc. JN88EG) until June 30th. Activity is to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the allocation of the 6m band (50-52 MHz) to Austrian amateurs. Activity will mainly be on 6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 18-24th).....

May/18th AN	May/21st AN	May/23rd AN
May/19th AN	May/22nd AN	May/24th AN
May/20th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99

VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9 100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf
  and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
  https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
  http://sunspotwatch.com
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment:
  https://www.spaceweather.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Real-time propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (May 17th)
Also, added QSL-INFO by Tedd, KB8NW

4L8A via M0OXO (d/L)	AT2CVD via VU2RDL	GB1RNLI via GB1RNLI (G-B)
4U9STAYHOME via 9A2AA	AT2HWC via VU3ZHA	GB200FN via M0XIG (d)
5C1WTIS via RW6HS (d)	AT2RB via VU3RQX	GB2HOM via M0TZX
6Y5CR via N1QAE (d)	AT2SH via M0OXO (O)	GB75VED via 2E0NDZ
A60WTIS/1 via A61BK	AT2SON via VU3ZIG	HC5ARC via HC5VF
A60WTIS/10 via A65GC	AT9FC via VU2AK	HG0WFF via HA0HW (O)
A60WTIS/11 via A61AY	CS2CMT via CT7ABF	HZ1WTIS via (L)
A60WTIS/2 via EA7FTR	CT8/S51TA via S58N (d)	OG2A via OH2RA
A60WTIS/3 via A61NN	EA5/LA2PC via LA2PC	OH8SSAB via OH8DR
A60WTIS/4 via A61BK	ED5N via EA5KA	OT4C via ON7PC
A60WTIS/5 via A92AA	EF0F via EA4URE	PA75FREE via PA1WBU (O)
A60WTIS/6 via A61BK	EF5U via EA5U	PA75FREEDOM via PA3FYG (B/O)
A60WTIS/7 via A61FJ	EF7A via EC7K	PD75FREE via PD7YY (O)
A60WTIS/8 via A61RJ	EI5JF via EI5JF (L/e)	PF75FREE via PB7Z
A60WTIS/9 via A61BK	EM65LR via UR2LM	PI30COM via PA1AW
A60ZHD/4 via A61BK	GB0SOS via G1OVK (n)	S5400J via S57WJ
A91WTIS via A92AA (C)	GB1945PJ via GB1945PJ (L/e)	

(e) eQSL only	(d) direct only	(B) Bureau only	(*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only	(C) ClubLog only	(L) LoTW only	(N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC	(P) PayPal	(NB) No Bureau	(n) no printed QSLs

LOGS ONLINE (New/Updated) AVAILABLE ON CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/J68HZ (Updated)

QSL ROUTE. Vasiliy, RW6HS, informs OPDX that he is the QSL Manager for the special event station 5C1WTIS from the Kingdom of Morocco between May 11-17th, for the celebration of "World Telecommunication & Information Society Day."

VP8PJ QSL STATUS. Gene, K5GS, reports: The VP8PJ QSL card shipment was received by Tim, M0URX, on Monday, and he will now begin stuffing envelopes.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2AG/p, 4U1UN, JK1BQS, JH7MQD, PZ5RA, T2AR, TO7DL, VP8PJ and VU2CPL

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5H4WZ, CB0Z, LA/CT1BWW (EU-076) and XV9F

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!!
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

STAYHOME CAMPAIGN REACHES ITS PINNACLE, JUNE 6-7th (Press Release dated May 16th, by Martti, OH2BH) [edited].

CONTEST-LIKE ACTIVITY FROM SATURDAY, 1200 UTC to SUNDAY, 1159 UTC -- PRINT RULES HERE: https://tinyurl.com/ybwctxok

In total, more than 30 countries have activated STAYHOME-suffixed stations to amplify the important message and participate in a large international showcase of Amateur Radio during the COVID-19 crisis. It is estimated that some 150,000 messages have been passed through the network around the world.

Oms, PY5EG, one of the project participants, alone, has completed more than 20,000 messages to 181 countries and to all 40 zones. Congratulations! The latest United Nations activation is; 4U9STAYHOME by Ivo, 9A3A, from the UN base in Brindisi, Italy.

The highlight of the event is a June 6-7th, 24-hour radio gathering, when all STAYHOME stations and the world will gather on the airwaves to wish each other well and conduct a global message passing in a contest-like framework. At that point the further validity of the STAYHOME message will be reviewed with the sincere hope that all countries would be able to begin easing these heavy restrictions, eventually making this message obsolete.

The project patron is the Foreign Minister of Finland, Pekka Haavisto and it is endorsed by IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, and the United Nations ARC with multiple STAYHOME activations.

See the project specifics at the QRZ.com at:
https://www.qrz.com/db/OH2STAYHOME

SPECIAL STAY AT HOME STATIONS/ACTIVITIES (Updated/Corrections). Many more special event stations have hit the airwaves (or soon will be) to promote individuals to "STAY-AT-HOME" and raise awareness for the restrictions necessary to fight the spread the coronavirus. List also includes special event stations to thank all health and medical workers. Here is a checklist of stations announced to be active (Updated May 17th, some with QRT dates):

3G2HOME (Chile)	July 14th	GB5SAH (England)	May 28th
*4J0STAYHOME (Azerbaijan)	May 31st	GB6NHS (England)	May 22nd
*4K0STAYHOME (Azerbaijan)	May 31st	GB6SAH (England)	May 26th
4MSTAYHOME (Venezuela)	????????	GB8NHS (Northern Ireland)	May 26th
*4U2STAYHOME (Austria)	????????	GB8SAH (England)	QRT
*4U9STAYHOME (Italy)	June 15th	GB9KS (England)	May 31st
4X2BESAFE (Israel)	QRT	GB9KW (England)	????
*5B4STAYHOME (Cyprus)	July 31st	GB9NHS (England)	May 12th
*5JSTAYHOME (Colombia)	July 27th	GB9SH (England)	May 31st
*5W1STAYSAFE (Samoa)	????????	GB9WYH (England)	May 11th
5Z4STAYHOME (Kenya)	????????	(WYH=Wash Your Hands)	
*6Y6STAYHOME (Jamaica)	July 23rd	HA0HOME (Hungary)	????
8A1HOME (Indonesia)	May 29th	HA0STAY (Hungary)	????
8A1STAYHOME (Indonesia)	May 29th	HA127STAY (Hungary)	????
8C2WFH (Indonesia)	May 19th	HG20AT (Hungary)	May 15th
8C2STAYHOME (Indonesia)	????????	HG20AY (Hungary)	May 15th
*9K9STAYHOME (Kuwait)	July 19th	HG20HO (Hungary)	May 15th
9M4Covid19 (W.Malaysia)	Aug.15th	HG20ME (Hungary)	May 15th
9M4DudukRumah (W.Malaysia)	Aug.15th	HG20ST (Hungary)	May 15th
*9M4STAYHOME (W.Malaysia)	Aug.15th	*HZ1STAYHOME (Saudi Arabia)	????
*9V1STAYHOME (Singapore)	June 30th	II3STAY (Italy)	Dec. 31st
A60SH/1 [SH=StayHome] (U.A.E.)	????	IO6STAY (Italy)	July 20th
A60SH/2 (U.A.E.)	????	II9SH (Italy)	????

A60SH/3 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/4 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/5 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/6 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/7 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/8 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/9 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/10 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/11 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/12 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/13 (U.A.E.) ????
A60SH/14 (U.A.E.) ????
*A60STAYHOME (U.A.E.) ????
A69STAYHOME (U.A.E.) ????
AT2BTC (India) ????
AT2CVD (India) ????
AT2GOK (India) July 26th
AT2HWC (India) ????
AT2RB (India) ????
AT2SH (India) ????
AT20SH (India) ????
AT2SHI (India) July 23rd
AT2SON (India) ????
AT9CID (India) ????
AT9FC (India) ????
AT9SS (India) ????
AU2STH (India) May 31st
AT2THC (India) August 1st
AT2TNX (India) June 30th
AU2COV (India) July 26th
AU2IAG (India) July 26th
AU2SHW (India) ????
AX2020STAYHOME (Australia) ????
B0CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B1CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B2CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B3CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B4CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B5CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B6CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B7CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B8CRA (P.R. China) QRT
B9CRA (P.R. China) QRT
CB2HOME (Chile) July 14th
CB3SH (Chile) September 30th
*CB3STAYHOME (Chile) July 8th
CH2IR (Canada) June 20th
CN20SH (Morocco) QRT
*CQ8STAYHOME (Azores) ????
CQ8THANKS (Azores) ????
*CR2STAYHOME (Azores) May 26th
*CT1STAYHOME (Portugal) QRT
*CV7STAYHOME (Uruguay) ????
*DX0STAYHOME (Philippine) May 15th
E2STAYHOME (Thailand) July 15th
*E7STAYHOME (Bosnia & Herzegovina) May 31st
*EH5STAYHOME (Spain) ????
*EH7STAYHOME (Spain) ????
GB0EDH (England) May 18th
GB0FLW (England) ????
GB0GIG (Wales) May 28th
IX1HPN/STAYHOME (Italy) ????
K2H (United States) May 31st
KC1KUG/STAYH (United States) QRT
OD50SH (Lebanon) ????
*OD5STAYHOME (Lebanon) ????
*OE1STAYHOME (Austria) May 15th
OH0PYSYKOTONA July 3rd
(Finland; "Pysykotona" means StayHome in Finnish)
OH1PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH2PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH3PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH4PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH5PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH6PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH7PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH8PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
OH9PYSYKOTONA (Finland) July 3rd
*OH0STAYHOME (Aland Island) ????
*OH1STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH2STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH3STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH4STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH5STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH6STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH7STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH8STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
*OH9STAYHOME (Finland) July 8th
ON4STAYSTRONG (Belgium) ????
OO7STAYHOME (Belgium) ????
*OP2STAYHOME (Belgium) May 12th
*OP6STAYHOME (Belgium) ????
OQ1HOME (Belgium) ????
OQ4ANGELS (Belgium) May 17th
*OR2STAYHOME (Belgium) ????
*OR2STAYHOME (Belgium) ????
*OR20STAYHOME (Belgium) May 15th
OR4LIFE (Belgium) ????
*OR4STAYHOME (Belgium) May 18th
OR7LIFE (Belgium) ????
*OR8STAYHOME (Belgium) ????
*OS0STAYHOME (Belgium) May 17th
*OT2STAYHOME (Belgium) May 17th
OT20LIFE (Belgium) ????
*OT20STAYHOME (Belgium) ????
OT4HOPE (Belgium) ????
OT6STAYSAFE (Belgium) May 11th
OT7STAYSAFE (Belgium) May 11th
*OZ7STAYHOME (Denmark) ????
PC19STAYSAFE (Netherlands) ????
PC6STAYHOME (Netherlands) May 10th
PE6STAYHOME (Netherlands) ????
*PR2STAYHOME (Brazil) ????
R3STAYHOME (European Russia) QRT
*SZ3STAYHOME (Greece) ????
*TC1STAYHOME (Turkey) May 25th
TC19MED (Turkey) May 29th
*TC3STAYHOME (Turkey) June 23rd
VC2STAYHOM (Canada) May 6th
VC3STAYHOM (Canada) May 10th
VE9HOME (Canada) May 10th
W4IPC/STAYHOME (United States) ????

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GB0KYD (England)          May 16th   *VI2020STAYHOME (Australia)  July 6th
GB1CCW (England)          May 14th    VI20SH (Australia)         July 30th
GB1COR (Scotland)             QRT     XM2STAYHOM (Canada)Callsign canceled
GB1HSC [Health & Social Care]         XR2STAYHOME (Chile)     October 18th
  (Northern Ireland)      May 17th   *XR3STAYHOME (Chile)             ????
GB1KEY (Wales)            May 28th   *YO1STAYHOME (Romania) September 15th
GB2CCW (England)          May 31st   *YO19STAYHOME (Romania)September 15th
GB2HOM (England)          May 31st    YS1STAYHOM1 (El Salvador)       ????
GB2SH (England)               QRT     YS1STAYHOM2 (El Salvador)       ????
GB2SHS (England)          May 24th    YS1STAYHOM3 (El Salvador)       ????
GB2SAH (England)              ????    YS1STAYHOM4 (El Salvador)       ????
GB4KW (England)               ????    YS1STAYHOM5 (El Salvador)       ????
GB4NHS (Northern Ireland)     ????    YS1STAYHOM6 (El Salvador)       ????
GB4SAH [SAH=Stay-At-Home] (England)  *Z30STAYHOME (North Macedonia)   ????
GB5KW (England)               ????   *Z39STAYHOME (North Macedonia)   ????
GB5NHS  Northern Ireland) May 31st   *Z60STAYHOME (Kosovo)            ????
   [NHS=National Health Service]     *ZW5STAYHOME (Brazil)            QRT
                                     *ZW8THANKS   (Brazil)            ????
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(*) Stations that qualify (as May 8th per QRZ.com) for the SRAL awards....

QSL via operator's instructions or check to see if the QSL info is listed above or under "QSL INFO AND NEWS".

ADDED NOTES: If you missed the SARL special announcement or the OPDX bulletin OPDX.1459.1 (http://papays.com/opdx1459.1.html), the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL) is providing a number of special awards during these Stay-At-Home "OH" operations (as well as other countries signing STAYHOME that qualified) which run through July 8th. Complete details can be found in OPDX.1459.1 or on the SRAL Web page at:
https://www.sral.fi/2020/04/07/finland-stay-home
*** NEW: The European DX Contest Club (EUDXCC) is now also providing a number of special awards (Golden and Silver) during these Stay-At-Home operations. As with the SARL awards, contacts are encouraged with the official special event callsign stations for the awareness of COVID-19 pandemic around the world. Award's Manager is Francesco, IK6QON. For more details and a list of station that qualify, see:
https://eudxcc.altervista.org/award-stayhome-staysafe

SWODXA ANNOUNCES DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR. Tom Inglin, NR8Z, President of the Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODA), announced the 2019-2020 SWODXA "DXpedition of the Year" award on May 14th. The winner was the February 2020 Cocos Island TI9A DXpedition (http://ti9a.info/). The TI9A Team consisted of: Dmitry/RA9USU, Andy/UA3AB, Mats/RM2D and Jorge/TI2JV. To see the complete announcement, go to:
https://www.swodxa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2019_DXPoftheYear.mp4
ADDED NOTE: CQ News reports: The DX Hall of Fame induction is planned to air live on the Ham Nation podcast (https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation) on Wednesday, May 20th.

TG, GUATEMALA. Enrique, YS1RM, is now active as TG9/YS1RM from Guatemala City. Length of his stay is unknown at this time. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. No other details were provided. QSL via YS1RM, direct, LOTW or eQSL.

TM0, FRANCE (Special Event). Members of the Ondes et Micro-Informatique Radio Club (F6KUQ) are active as TM0BEE from Cestas until May 24th. Activity is to celebrate Union Nations World Bee Day (May 20th); see:
https://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day
Operations will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8/FT4 and PSK. QSL via F6KUQ, by the Bureau or eQSL.

VE, CANADA (Special Event). Jean, VE2JCW, will use the special callsign VE2SPEED throughout the month of June, to commemorate the Montreal Grand Prix even if it is canceled. QSL via VE2JCW info on QRZ.com.

XP/OX, GREENLAND. Henning, OZ2I/OZ1BII, will once again be active as XP2I from Black Ridge, Kangerlussuaq (WW Loc. GP47PA) sometime late November. Activity will be CW only on all HF bands. He will participate during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. For activity outside of the contest, he will sign OX/OZ2I. QSL via OZ2I, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: http://www.oz2i.dk/index.html

ZL9 NEW ZEALAND SUB-ANTARCTIC ISLANDS DXPEDITION (OC-037) NEWS [Press Release #1, date May 13th]. The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several PDXG members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands (ZL9), ClubLog #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 timeframe.

The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lock down has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

Additional information will be published as it develops.

Questions to: ZL9@pdxg.net

73, PDXG Leadership Team

ZS1820, SOUTH AFRICA (Special Event). The Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society has registered the special callsign ZS1820S and will be operating the callsign for the rest of this year. The ZS1820S callsign celebrates the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 British Settlers in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via the Bureau to Tom, ZS2EC, also via LoTW, ClubLog and QRZ.com. For more details about the Settlers, see:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1820_Settlers
https://www.1820settlers.com

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